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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Hans-Dieter Gaul  
SERIAL NO.: 10/723,743  
FILED : November 26, 2003  
FOR : TOOL HOLDER FOR ANNULAR CORE BIT  
EXAMINER: Daniel P. Stephenson GROUP: 3672

Mail Stop: **Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2006 and in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8 and 11 as being unpatentable over the prior art, and indicated the claims 7, 9 and 10 would become allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 7, 9 and 10 is noted and appreciated. However, applicant believes that rewriting claims 7, 9 and 10 in independent form is not necessary as they depend on a claim earnestly believed to be allowable over the prior art.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.